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Dear Magnuson Park Community Member,

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is preparing to install a new bicycle and pedestrian project in your neighborhood to improve safety and comfort for people walking or riding a bicycle .

After reviewing feedback from open houses and meetings with community groups, SDOT is moving forward with plans to install a two-way cycle track along the south side of NE 65th Street between the Burke-Gilman Trail and Sand Point Way NE, and pedestrian enhancements at the intersection of NE 65th Street and Sand Point Way NE.

This project will provide a dedicated 10-foot wide area on the street for people of all ages and abilities to ride bicycles, separated from vehicle traffic by curbing and a sturdy metal lane separator. It will also provide new curb ramps for people with strollers, wheelchairs, and other mobility challenges; a curb extension on the east side of the intersection to shorten the crossing distance of NE 65th Street, better aligned crosswalks; larger waiting areas; and improved drainage. Emergency vehicle access and driveway access will be maintained. Parking will be consolidated to the north side of the street by eliminating parking on the south side of the street.

We anticipate that construction will occur within the next month. Some parking will be restricted during construction; SDOT will place "no parking" signs 3 days before construction begins. The construction team will ensure that access to your property is maintained and noise levels kept to a minimum during the morning hours. Construction is expected to last about four weeks, weather permitting.

You can find more information about the project, including diagrams, open house presentations, and a question and answer document addressing all questions received from the community to date at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ne65th.htm>.

Please feel free to contact me at (206) 684-7583 or walkandbike@seattle.gov if you have any questions about the construction process.

Sincerely,

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